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Divisional Health Office,
Town Hall,
BRIDLINGTON.

To the Chairman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffield.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the
Health Services of the Urban District for the Year 1951.

The sickness rate for the early weeks of the year was
high on account of an epidemic of influenza.

Little progress has been made on the proposed reconstruction
of the sewage disposal works. In my opinion the present position is
the worst feature in the Urban District.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Health Committee of
the Council and my fellow officials for their ready assistance at all
times.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

E.T. COLVILLE

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	Drifffield
Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1951 Registrar General	6,843
Rateable Value	£31,696
Sum represented by a penny rate	£127
Estimated number of inhabited houses	1,829
Birth-rate	16.08
Death-rate	14.3
Infant mortality rate	45.5

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births :

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	51	56	107
Illegitimate	1	2	<u>3</u>
			110
			=====

Birth-rate 16.08 per 1,000
Percentage of Illegitimate births 2.7

The birth-rate for England and Wales was 15.5 per 1,000 population; our rate is, therefore, slightly above that for the country generally.

(b) Still -births :

There was 1 still-birth (illegitimate) during the year, equivalent to a rate of 0. 15 per 1,000 population as compared with 0.36 for the country generally.

(c) Deaths :

The total number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 98. This is equal to a death-rate of 14.3 per 1,000 compared with a rate of 12.5 for the country generally. The comparability factor to correct the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.76, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 10.8 per 1,000 against that of 12.5 for the country generally.

The causes of death are given in Table 1.

(d) Infant Mortality Rate :

There were 5 deaths in infants under 1 year of age (4 legitimate, 1 illegitimate). The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered in the year, i.e., 110, is equivalent to a rate of 45.5 per 1,000 births, compared with a rate for the country of 29.6.

(e) Maternal Mortality :

There were no deaths from Maternal causes.

TABLE 1

Causes of Death in Drifffield U.D., 1951 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	46	52
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Cancer, stomach	-	2
Cancer, lung, bronchus	4	4
Cancer, other sites	3	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	5
Coronary disease, angina	4	1
Hypertension with heart disease	1	4
Other heart disease	13	15
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	4	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	3	8
All other accidents	1	2

TABLE 11

Vital Statistics - England and Wales (Extracts)

Births

Live births	15.5 per 1,000 home population
Still births	0.36 " " " "

Deaths

All causes	12.5	per 1,000	home population
All causes under 1 year of age	29.6	per 1,000	live births
Enteritis and diarrhoea under			
2 years of age	1.4	"	" " " "
Maternal mortality rate (all			
causes)	0.79	per "	live and still
		births	

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious
and Other Diseases

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year:

Measles	168
Pneumonia	6
Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	7

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1951, is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
48	-

In addition 2 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1937 and 1951 is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
223	932

Tuberculosis 1951

The Register of Tuberculosis for the District for the year was as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1st January, 1951	14	10	6	5	20	15
31st December, 1951	15	12	7	5	22	17

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Beverley Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Ante-Natal

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Maternity Services

Domiciliary births in the Urban District during the year totalled only 23, the remainder occurred in Hospital.

Nursing in the Home

Two District Nurse/Midwives are resident in the town.

Hospitals - Regional Hospital Board

Infectious diseases - the Benpton Lane Hospital, Bridlington, is available for the admission of the commoner infectious diseases, cases of poliomyelitis and Smallpox are to be admitted to Cottingham Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Maternity - Maternity cases are admitted to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Driffield and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Ambulance Service

This is maintained by the County Council, the whole of the East riding being adequately covered.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

Water is supplied to the District by the Drifffield Water Company. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health the water is chlorinated. Bacteriological examination of the crude supply, at the bore, shows that the water is free from pollution and equivalent to Class 1 of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supplies.

The result of samples of piped water supplies were as follows :

<u>RAW WATER</u>			<u>TREATED WATER</u>		
<u>BACTER. EXAM.</u>			<u>BACTER. EXAM.</u>		
<u>No.</u>		<u>Un-</u>	<u>No.</u>		<u>Un-</u>
<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>
14	14	-	8	8	-

The result of the chemical analysis of the water was :

Suspended matter	Slight trace
Appearance in 2 ft. column	Clear and colourless
Odour	None
<u>Parts per Million</u>	
Chlorides, expressed as chlorine ...	21
Nitrites	none
Poisonous metals (leads, etc.)	none
Hardness, total	236
Oxygen absorbed at 80°F. (4 hours) .	0. 137
Free ammonia	0,000
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006

Sewage Disposal

No further progress has been made with the proposed new Sewage Disposal Scheme.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 28 earth closets have been converted to water carriage system. This leaves 560 earth closets in use in the district.

The Council, have, by resolution, agreed to increase the grant towards the cost of such conversion from £6. 0s. 0d. to £10. 0s. 0d, or half the cost, whichever is the least. It is hoped that this will have the effect of hastening the conversion of the earth closets still remaining in the town, the Council feeling that the steady rate of conversions which marked the introduction of the grant scheme in 1944 has fallen off disappointingly.

Refuse and Night Soil Collection

A weekly collection of household and trade refuse is maintained. Collection is by steel covered vehicles. Nightsoil is disposed of at the Sewage Farm; dry refuse is disposed of at Wold Hill Tip approximately 2 miles from the town centre.

Schools

All schools were inspected during the year. Conditions found were generally satisfactory.

Rodent Control

During the year the work of rodent control was carried out, one part-time operative being employed.

60 surface infestations were dealt with, as a result of which 230 bodies were found, the estimated kill being much higher than this.

A 10% test of infestations in the sewers was carried out as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and it is gratifying to report that no takes were recorded.

All rat infestations are dealt with promptly. Private dwellings are treated free of charge. Treatment for business premises is charged on a basis of time and materials used, preliminary surveys being carried out free.

While reported surface infestations are dealt with speedily, it is emphasised that it is the routine surveying and treatment of the area, particularly such centres of infestations as refuse tips and premises on which livestock are kept, that are the important features in keeping the rat population in the district to the minimum.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

<u>Nature of Visits</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Bakeshouses	7
Disinfection	4
Drainage	93
Factories	35
Fellmonger	4
Gut scraper	2
Hotels and licensed premises	14
Housing inspections and nuisances	169
Means of escape in case of fire	7
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	69
Public conveniences	26
Rats and Mice	100
Refuse collection	42
Schools	4
Shops	53
Smoke observations	4
Stable and pigeries	12
Verminous premises	4
Water supply	19
Water courses	4
Movable dwellings	8
Theatres etc	2

Housing

Total number of houses in district.....	1,825
Number of new houses built during year by Local Authority	nil
Number of new houses built during year by Private Licence holders.....	3
Total number of applications for Council houses at end of year	250
Number of new houses in course of erection at end of year :	
(a) by Local Authority	40
(b) by Private Licence holders	7

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Milk

There are 6 distributors of milk in the district.

Samples of raw milk submitted for bacteriological examination	8
Samples of raw milk submitted for biological examination	3
Samples of pasteurised milk submitted for phosphatase test	5
Samples of sterilised milk submitted for turbidity test	1

Ice Cream

There are 16 shops registered for the sale of ice cream. In these premises the ice cream is sold all the year and is chiefly of the wrapped variety.

Ice cream is manufactured at 1 premises only in the district.

Number of inspections of premises during the
year 10

Number of samples sent for bacteriological
examination 6

Meat

Centralised slaughtering is carried out at 1 Slaughterhouse which is under the control of the Ministry of Food.

Carcases inspected and condemned :

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
No. killed	1,360	107	4,198	546
No. inspected	1,360	107	4,198	546
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Carcass meat condemned ...	16,389	1,098	19,124	2,894
Carcass meat affected				
with Tuberculosis ...	12,188	-	-	1,969

Other Foods

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year :

Varied tinned foods, meat,
fruit and vegetables 1,640 lbs.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health :

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	8	-
(2) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	1	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	64	27	2
Total	82	35	2

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) - Insufficient	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-

